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Community Chamber Of Commerce Electing New Directors

The Community Chamber of Commerce is in the process of electing new directors for the 1959 year. Ballots were mailed to all members during the week-end, and all should be returned by the end of this week.

The chamber holds election of directors each year, electing five one year and six the following year. This year five directors will be elected. Hold-over directors are: Ozro Eubank, Cullen N. Perry, W. R. Mulroy, L. A. Welch, John C. Gregg and Norman Hosch. Outgoing directors are: D. H. Moore, O. L. Cheaney, Bill Griffin, C. F. Campbell and J. W. Riley.

Members of the Community Chamber of Commerce are, City of Santa Anna, Coleman Gas Company, Santa Anna National Bank, Coleman County Telephone Cooperative, Phillips Drug, Piggly Wiggly, Sam H. Collier, Vinson Grocery, Western Auto Associate Store, Ladies Shop, Purdy Mercantile Co., Dr. L. O. Garrett, L. E. Abernathy, W. F. Barnes, Dr. William Tryon, Griffin Turkey Farm, McKee Cleaners, Moore's Variety Store, Gandy Creamery, C. F. Campbell, Carl Autrey Service Station, Blossom Owen Magnolia Service Station, Roy Stockard, Speck's Barber Shop, Arthur Talley Service Station, Blue Hardware Co., Walker Holt, Mrs. Baird's Bakery, Mrs. Boehme's Holsum Bakery, Borden's Milk Co., Santa Fe Railway, Santa Anna Independent School District, West Texas Utilities Co., Hosch Brothers, L. A. Welch Garage, and The Santa Anna News.

Trickham News Wanted

During the past several months we have talked to a large number of folks from the Trickham area about writing a weekly news column from that area. It appears that just about everyone has about all they can take care of, or are otherwise tied up to where they just do not have much of an opportunity to write a news column.

In order that we might have the news from the Trickham area in the paper each week, we would appreciate it if each family from the area would send us your news items through the mail, either by postal card or letter. We will assemble the items in a column of news for the Trickham area.

We feel the best way for each of you to do this is, when you have news of local interest to jot it down and send it to us immediately. Then on Tuesday of each week we will assemble the news together and make the column. All news received each week by Tuesday at noon will be in the column.

We have lots of requests to get the news from Trickham in the paper. This is the only idea that we have come up with that might be workable. If we can have your cooperation, we will get your news in the paper.

Of course we had much rather have a regular correspondent from that area. If anyone would be willing to attempt the job, we would be glad to discuss it with you.

We ask each of you to please write a legible hand and odd or hard to spell names, please print.

Cotton Farmers Invited To Acreage, Support Meeting

The Coleman County ASC Committee, with the assistance of the County Agricultural Extension Agent, is having two meetings on the 1959 Cotton Acreage Allotments and Price Support.

One meeting will be held in Santa Anna on Thursday, January 29th at 1:30 p. m. The meeting place is the Community Room of the Santa Anna National Bank. Choice "A" and Choice "B" Upland Cotton Allotments will be discussed along with the Price Support for each choice.

The Coleman meeting will be held in the Hospitality Room of the First Coleman National Bank Friday, January 30th. This meeting will start at 1:30 p. m.

All cotton farmers are urged to attend the meeting most convenient to them.

Stamp paid at the Santa Anna News office.

High School Honor Roll

Roy B. Mathews, principal of the Santa Anna High School, announces the following students as being on the Semester and Six Weeks honor rolls:

SENIORS

Six Weeks: Geneva Jackson, Ruth Radle, Chrystene Carpenter, Jean Smith, Mary Baucom, Kay Kingsbery, and Vita Rehm. Semester: Geneva Jackson, Ruth Radle, Chrystene Carpenter, Jean Smith, Kay Kingsbery, and Vita Rehm.

JUNIORS

Six Weeks: Reta Ing, Darlene Mercer, and Ginger Haynes. Semester: Reta Ing, Darlene Mercer, Ginger Haynes, Dixie Deal, and Kenneth Harris.

SOPHOMORES

Six Weeks: None. Semester: Mary Rehm and Janice Smith.

FRESHMEN

Six Weeks: Kenneth Elliott, Carl Cowen, Juanell Mercer, Sue Garrett, Louise Cooper, Sharon Stiles, Sherrill James, Alfred McCrary, Dayton Jackson, and Mary Ford.

Semester: Kenneth Elliott, Carl Cowen, Juanell Mercer, Sue Garrett, Louise Cooper, Alfred McCrary, Dayton Jackson, and Mary Ford.

License Plates Go On Sale Here Monday Morning

John Skelton, County Tax Assessor-Collector, announces Mr. and Mrs. Montie Guthrie will operate a sub-station in Santa Anna for the purpose of selling 1959 license plates for automobiles and farm vehicles. The plates will go on sale Monday morning, February 2, and can be put on your vehicle immediately. All vehicles must be registered by April 1, 1959.

License numbers assigned to Santa Anna are DJ-3000 through DJ-3649. Numbers for the county run from DJ-625 up.

The Guthrie's will also render state and county taxes during the next two months. You are requested to take care of your rendition at the same time you purchase your license plates.

Fisher Reports On Progress On Sonic Booms

In his regular column elsewhere in this issue of The News, Congressman O. C. Fisher portrays a dim picture concerning the possibility of getting rid of sonic booms in this area. We urge you to read the article under the heading, "Our Washington Newsletter."

Mr. Fisher requests persons suffering damage from sonic booms to report to him the date and as near as possible, the exact time the boom caused the damage. In order for him to get any action taken on this problem, he must have actual reports of damage and other inconveniences caused by the sonic booms.

There is a good possibility that he can get some relief, but he must have your cooperation. Address mail to him as follows: Congressman O. C. Fisher, New House Office Building, Washington, D. C.

Band Boosters Bake Sale Saturday

The Band Boosters will have a Bake Sale Saturday at the Hosch Grocery Store. The sale will be under the sponsorship of the parents of the Junior Band students. Proceeds will go into the band uniform fund.

Plans are to begin the sale about 10:00 a. m. and will continue as long as the ladies have merchandise to sell. Parents of the Junior Band are requested to have their pastry at the store by selling time. Anyone else who would like to contribute pastries to the sale are invited to do so.

The Band Boosters plan to have a Bake Sale every other week for the next several months. All money will go into the band uniform fund.

Attend Church Regularly

Subscription Rates To Increase February 1st

Effective February 1, 1959, new subscription rates will go into effect on the Santa Anna News. These rates have been advertised in The News every week for the past four weeks. There will be no extension of time on the rates as they are at the present time.

We have studied subscription rates on a number of weekly newspapers in Texas about the size of The News, and the announced rate is comparable with some of them, but lower than most.

To those of you whose subscription expires this month, or within the next two or three months, we urge you to come in and get your subscription paid before closing time Saturday. If for some reason, you cannot get to town, you are invited to send your subscription by mail. All subscriptions will be accepted as long as they are postmarked before midnight Saturday, January 31st.

A large number of subscribers have taken advantage of the opportunity to save money on their subscription. How about you?

Youth Week At Christian Church

Sunday, January 25 through February 1 has been designated as Youth Week at the First Christian Church. The Christian Youth Fellowship will have charge of the services Sunday night and will present a program, "A Christian On Trial." All members are urged to be present. Visitors are welcome.

Basketball Games On Thursday Night

The conference games scheduled for Friday night with Goldthwaite to be played in the local gym, have been re-scheduled for Thursday night of this week. The games will begin at 7:00 p. m. with the girls playing the first game and the boys playing the second game.

Goldthwaite requested the change to be made in the schedule, in order that their senior class could make a trip on Friday.

PTA To Meet Wednesday

The local Parent-Teachers Association will meet in regular session in the lunchroom in the elementary school Wednesday, February 4 at 2:30 p. m. All members are urged to attend and visitors are always welcome.

Mr. Perry will present the program, giving a talk on "American Education, Exclusive and Inclusive." A questionnaire will be sent to all members on "What Type Is Your PTA." A round table discussion will be held on this subject.

Big And Little Eggs

Last week Tucker Newman brought us the big and little of the egg business. The little egg was about the size of the end of a man's thumb, the large egg was as large or larger than a man's fist. I believe it was the largest egg ever brought to The News office.

He also presented your editor and family with a dozen of good, normal size eggs. Thanks Tucker.

Weekend visitors with Mrs. A. E. Campbell, Mrs. Bertha Deen, and Mr. and Mrs. Billy Campbell and Donnie were Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Dial, Jay and Ollie of Slaton.

Visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bengel during the weekend were their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Bengel of Odessa, and her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Franke and son Manoah, of Millersview.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Day and Les of Midland visited over the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Day.

Gwin McKee, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace McKee and Mrs. Nancy Aeyers of Independence, Oregon, were married Friday, January 23, at Dover, Delaware. The couple are making their home in Delaware, where he is stationed with the Air Force.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Green and Susan of Dallas were weekend visitors with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. J. S. Sheppard.

Mother's March On Polio To Be Friday

School Census To Be Finished

The annual Mother's March on Polio will be held in Santa Anna Friday afternoon, beginning at 4:00 p. m. Members of the Delta Omicron Sorority are sponsoring the drive and will be assisted by the Boy Scouts and Explorer Scouts.

The ladies of the sorority will furnish cars and do the driving, and the boys will make most of the house to house canvass. The town has been divided into zones. Each lady has a map of the section she is to cover. Plans are for the drive to be completed in about one hour.

It will help speed the drive if everyone will have their contributions ready when you are called upon. All the boys helping on the drive will have at least a part of their Scout uniform on.

Thus far \$324.13 has been contributed to the March of Dimes. Contributions have come from the Chat & Stitch Club, Needlecraft Club, 20th Century Club, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Gilbert, Mr. and Mrs. John Guthrie, Mrs. H. M. Smith, Mrs. A. E. Campbell, Mrs. Willie Blevins, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McClellan, Miss Alta Lovelady, Ruby and Elsie Lee Harper, Mr. and Mrs. Luther McCrary, William M. Wheat, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Vanderford, Mrs. Mace Blanton, and Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Feds contributed their usual \$50.00 to the drive. The above amount includes the \$234.13 raised by the National Guard Saturday.

This will be the final big effort to raise funds for the March of Dimes. The coin containers are still in the local business houses and will remain there for at least another week. Everyone is urged to be as liberal as possible in their contributions, as the money is needed as badly this year as ever.

Mrs. James T. Dockery is chairman of the sorority's committee on the Mother's March. Her assistants are Mrs. Ray Swindell and Mrs. Jack Rucker.

National Guard Raises \$234 For March Of Dimes

Bad weather was attributed to the fact that the local National Guard Company raised only \$234.13 for the March of Dimes drive. The money was raised by the sale of National Guard uniforms and equipment.

"Peanuts for Polio" drive was held Saturday. The drive was a success and \$234.13 was raised for the March of Dimes. The money was raised by the sale of National Guard uniforms and equipment.

Because of the bad weather, it was decided to hold the blockade at the intersection of Walrus Avenue and North 2nd Street, rather than at the intersection of the Rockwood Highway. Members of the National Guard said that since there is no signal light there, some vehicles are usually going too fast, and it is dangerous to be in the street.

Lt. Bruce Stark was in charge of the drive. Lt. Stark has headed all National Guard Company drives thus far, and he does a good job of it. Others helping on the drive were: SFC Joe R. Taylor, SP3 Wayne Morgan, SP3 Gene Close, SP3 Kenneth Bryan, SP3 Jerry Johnson, Pvt. Felix Vasquez and Pvt. Ephraim Garcia.

Your local director would like to express appreciation to their work in making the drive, and to all who contributed in any manner. You are requested to be as liberal as possible in your contributions to the March of Dimes. More money is needed this year than ever before.

PEANUTS!
Do you like peanuts?
The March of Dimes has about 400 bags of roasted peanuts left over from the National Guard "Peanuts for Polio" blockade, held the past Saturday. These bags of peanuts usually sell for 10 cents each.

They are all really fresh, as they were sent here directly from the factory less than two weeks ago.

Anyone who would like to purchase from one to any number of bags, is invited to drop by the News office and make your purchase. In order to keep from having any left over after the drive is completed, if you will buy as many as 25 bags at a time, you may have them for 5 cents a bag.

Ward School Honor Roll
James A. Harris, principal of the Santa Anna Ward School, announces the following students as being on the honor roll for the third six weeks period and for the semester:

FOURTH GRADE
Six Weeks: Sonja Neff, Leanna Pollock, Vikki Lynn Warren, Barrett Markland, Beth Dick, Margarette Horner, Susanna Hays, Norma Eubank, Loretta Broadway, Marty Donham, Donnie Campbell, Mary Kay Lee, Jean Robinson and Carlton Watson.

FIFTH GRADE
Six Weeks: Pam Garrett, Mary Haynes, Sharon Mays, Lois Ann Simmons, Anita Ellis, Gary Rider and Eugene Daventport.

Semester: Anita Ellis, Gary Rider, Pam Garrett and Mary Haynes.

SIXTH GRADE
Karen McCluskey, Tommy Hays, Les Guthrie, Patricia White, Barbara Baucom, L. Wanda Horner, and Judy Moore.

Semester: Patricia White, Barbara Baucom, L. Wanda Horner, Judy Moore, Nelson Perry, Linda Robinson, Karen McCluskey, Tommy Hays, and Les Guthrie.

SEVENTH GRADE
Six Weeks: Kay Haynes, Leland Williams, Donnie Neff, Jerry Ellis, Glenn Gilbreath, and Wanda James.

Semester: Wanda James, Karen Jones, Sandra Davis, Kay Haynes, Leland Williams, Donnie Neff, Jerry Ellis and Glenn Gilbreath.

EIGHTH GRADE
Six Weeks: Pete Simmons, Donna Walker, Arlene Welch, Sharon Stearns, Clayton Jackson, and Jerrell Elliott.

Semester: Clayton Jackson, Jerrell Elliott, Pete Simmons, and Arlene Welch.

Delta Kappa Gamma To Sponsor Lecture In Coleman Feb. 3
The Delta Kappa Gamma, a nationwide teacher's organization, is sponsoring Miss Helen Poe, lecturer, at the Coleman High School auditorium Tuesday, February 3, at 8:00 p. m. Miss Poe, daughter of a retired minister, is a world traveler and a very clever and highly entertaining speaker. She recently returned from a tour of the Soviet Union and will speak on "The Russian Report."

Tickets to the lecture may be purchased from most of the local school teachers.

Stapling machines and punches at the News office.

RESEARCH

— beyond polio



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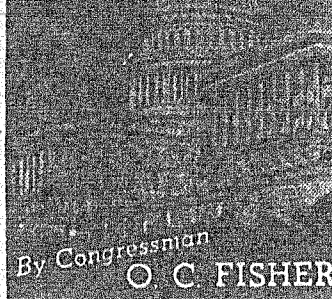
JOIN THE MARCH OF DIMES

BOBBY'S



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Our WASHINGTON Letter



By Congressman O. C. FISHER

THOSE SONIC BOOMS, which have broken windows and cracked plaster on walls, are presently receiving top attention by the Air Force and scientists.

A joint meeting is being planned which will include Air Force, CAA, and jet manufacturers, to study the problem.

Instead of improving, we are told there will probably be more booms in the future because we are just moving into the supersonic age.

Contrary to popular opinion the boom sound is heard more than one time. It begins when the plane exceeds the speed of sound at 750 MPH, and a similar shock sound will be heard by all who are within its range.

as it moves along. In other words, if the plane goes into the supersonic speed at Santa Anna, where the first boom is heard, a similar boom will be heard at Junction seconds later as it shoots its way over the latter city, and another boom from the same plane will be heard at Uvalde minutes later as it moves over that city — assuming it is still maintaining supersonic speed, etc.

A LOT OF PEOPLE in central Texas have felt the full impact of sonic booms. A lot of damage has been done, mostly from broken windows. Complaints have come to me from Santa Anna, Brownwood, Goldthwaite, Briddy, Lometa, Kerrville, Ballinger, San Saba, etc.

THE AIR FORCE disclaims responsibility for most of this, citing the AF regulation that restricts altitudes of 30,000 feet for supersonic speeds. Little if any damage is possible from shock waves originating at that height.

But test pilots from CONVAIR in Fort Worth operate in the area, and so do NORTH AMERICAN and Navy Planes. CAA designated an area for each test flight, reaching from southeast of Abilene on a line south to Menard, Junction, Uvalde, thence east to Devine, and north to near Stephenville. Test pilots are warned to maintain altitudes except where testing at lower altitudes is required for scientific information.

IN CONFERENCES with the Air Force and CAA last week, Cong. Omar Burleson and I urged that higher altitudes be maintained; that more of the testing be diverted over the gulf or further west where fewer people live.

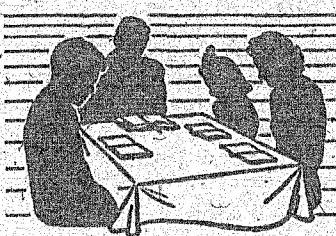
In the meantime, if a boom knocks out your window be sure and make a note of the hour (and minute, if possible) when it occurred, and promptly report it.

Mrs. Frank Turner is visiting her son, Mr. and Mrs. John Franklin Turner and family in Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. James L. Harris spent the weekend in Odessa with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Medlin and children. Vance Medlin returned home with them.

Today's MEDITATION

from The World's Most Widely Used Devotional Guide



The Upper Room

Read Mark 1:8-15

God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it. (1 Corinthians 10:13.)

One day a boy came to me with a problem. He was inclined to indulge in some pleasure, but he had been planned a spiritual retreat that would conflict. He realized he would have to choose one or the other. We talked it over, and I pointed out the path he ought to choose, but told him he would have to make the decision.

During the week he called me by the telephone and said he had decided in favor of the spiritual retreat. He had won a victory.

We are often tempted, but we remember that Jesus, too, was tempted of Satan, tempted as we are. Now He sits at the right hand of God to intercede for us that we may be able in His strength to withstand temptations. He knows our weakness and offers us strength to resist temptation.

To be obedient to God means setting aside every desire of lust and self. It means avoiding infection that would, if permitted, ultimately destroy the soul.

PRAYER: Our Father, give unto us unshakable faith. Give us strength to overcome evil and wisdom to live victoriously through faith in the atoning power of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. In His name. Amen.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

The power of God through Christ is sufficient for our every need.

Florence Crain (Texas)

TAX-MAN SAM SEZ

How to determine the number of income tax exemptions you get shouldn't be too much of a problem for most taxpayers. However, more people get tangled up with the Internal Revenue Service in an audit of their tax return over dependents than any other item. The law is liberal on allowing exemptions for children attending schools even though they may have earned enough income to file a return on their own. The taxpayer must make sure that each dependent meets the requirements spelled out in the tax instructions. It pays to carefully study your tax instructions on dependents. You may find you are entitled to some extra \$600 exemptions by reading these instructions. On the other hand you may find that you are not entitled to an exemption and save yourself an audit by Internal Revenue.

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Whom News

By MRS. TOM RUTHERFORD

Friends of Mrs. Babe Gardiner are sorry to hear she had the misfortune of falling, enroute to the car, last Monday afternoon and breaking her hip. Mrs. Gardiner underwent surgery in Brady Hospital last Wednesday morning and we are sorry to report at this time she is not doing as well as hoped for. Her children, Mr. and Mrs. Granvel Hext of Albuquerque, N. Mex., Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Hext of Fredericksburg and Mr. and Mrs. Guy Edwards of El Paso, have all been at her bedside until Sunday, when all but Mrs. Edwards returned home. We all surely wish for her a speedy recovery and trust that she will soon be to where she will not suffer constantly.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Deal and children from Fort Stockton spent Thursday night of last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Deal and Dixie.

Hillary Allyn Rutherford was a business visitor in Abilene last Tuesday.

Oscar Lovelady was in Santa Anna Monday visiting Guy and Alta Lovelady.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Woods of Hamlin and Mr. and Mrs. Leon Russell of Ballinger spent Sunday with the ladies' sister, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Covart.

Mr. and Mrs. Forest Deal of Gouldsburg have recently visited in the Dick Deal home.

Patsy Rutherford of Abilene spent Saturday night with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Rutherford.

The three children of Mr. and Mrs. Roy England, Keith Gill, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Allyn Gill and Lecky Turney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rex Turney, spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Earl Turney.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Deal and children of Midland spent Sunday night with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Deal.

Curtiss Lee Shields of Dyess Air Force Base spent the week-

ROCKWOOD WMS BIBLE STUDY

The Unprofitable Servant Becomes a Brother Beloved, was the theme of Bible Study directed by Mrs. Eyan Wise when the Woman's Missionary Society met at the Rockwood Baptist Church Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Boss Estes was song leader. Mrs. Goldie Milberger, President, presided during the business session.

Members present were: Mrs. Boss Estes, Mrs. Henry Smith, Mrs. Bill Bryan, Mrs. F. E. McCreary, Mrs. Ray Caldwell, Mrs. Lewis Bryan, Mrs. Jim Rutherford, Mrs. Goldie Milberger, Mrs. A. L. King and Mrs. Eyan Wise.

Mrs. Claud Box will be social hostess at her home Monday, Feb. 2, at 2 p. m. Mrs. Jim Rutherford will assist. Guests are asked to bring gifts to be exchanged.

Robert Morris and Haym Salmon helped finance the American Revolution.

The linotype machine was first put into use in 1886 by the New York Tribune. It was the invention of Ottamar Mergenthaler.

end in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Shields. We understand Curtiss Lee has re-enlisted for 6 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Lavaughan Snowden and children spent the weekend with his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Graham Fitzpatrick and children.

James Avants of Baird has recently visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Avants.

Judy Bryan visited with Dixie Deal last Sunday afternoon.

Sharon Gilbreath of Santa Anna spent one night last week with Cheryl Fitzpatrick.

Mr. and Mrs. Nick Buse and Earle visited in the Dick Deal home Sunday afternoon.

Hillary Allyn Rutherford went to Brownwood Monday Thomas Switzer and Sammie Shields attended the Brownwood Cattle Show and Sale Saturday.

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In Order To Purchase Your New License Plates You MUST Present Your Certificate of Title And Receipt For The Previous Registration. Title Numbers Must Be On All 1959 Registration Receipts. This Law Will Be Strictly Adhered To This Year. Your Cooperation Will Be Appreciated.

New Plates Are Now On Sale And Must Be On Your Vehicle Not Later Than April 1, 1959. You Are Requested To Buy Your Plates As Early As Possible And Avoid The Last Minute Rush.

LICENSE NUMBERS ASSIGNED TO SANTA ANNA ARE DJ-3000 to DJ-3649

Tax Renditions

Mr. and Mrs. Guthrie Will Also Render State And County Taxes For The Santa Anna Area. They Have All The Necessary Supplies And It Will Be Appreciated If You Will Render Your Taxes When You Purchase Your License Plates.

John Skelton
County Tax Assessor-Collector

8 GOOD REASONS

WHY IT PAYS TO HAVE A Checking Account

1. It saves a lot of time and steps required to pay your bills in person, and eliminates time waiting in line.
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3. Your check book provides a record and reminder of bills paid. And cancelled checks serve as proof of payment.
4. A checking account helps to build prestige and credit standing — It's the modern business way to pay.
5. When you need cash, write a check and cash it some place where you are known.
6. To make it even more convenient, many of our customers make their deposits by mail, too.
7. A checking account does away with the risk of carrying much cash on your person — no more chance of loss or theft of money.
8. Your check book provides a helpful reference in making out income tax returns.

We Will Be Glad To Discuss A Checking Account With You

Santa Anna National Bank
Member FDIC and Fed. Res. System of Dallas

Rockwood News

By MRS. JOHN C. HUNTER

Neighbors gathered at the Jack McSwane home last Tuesday to break land and get land ready for planting. While the men were plowing, the neighbor women prepared and served a noon dinner. Mr. and Mrs. McSwane want to thank their friends for this wonderful kindness.

Mr. and Mrs. Boss Estes spent Friday night with Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Estes and Gordon at Abilene. All of them were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Estes in Sweetwater.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Yateman and family of Harlington were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Caldwell.

Max Squares spent Saturday and Sunday with James Heilman, who left Sunday for Wichita Falls where he is stationed in the Air Force.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Harnes and family and Mr. and Mrs. John Fulbright and boys of Coleman; Mr. and Mrs. Dock Ellis of Colorado City and Mr. and Mrs. Dave Ellis and Nettie Mae Ennis were Sunday dinner guests in the Sherman Heilman home.

Mrs. Kate McIlvain was Sunday dinner guest of Mrs. Era Blackwell. They visited in the afternoon with Mrs. John Hunter.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Black, Gary and Elaine of San Angelo spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bryan.

Garland McSwane was a business visitor in Abilene Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Jack McSwane and Stanley, Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey McSwane and Mrs. A. N.

McSwane were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Milford Harris in Santa Anna.

Roddy Dean spent Thursday to Sunday with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Dean, at Bangs. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Dean with Beth, Linda and Rocky went for him Sunday afternoon.

Patricia Bryan, a student in Texas University at Austin, spent the weekend with home-folks.

The Rev. Jimmie Ford filled the pulpit at the Baptist Church for the Sunday services. He and Mrs. Ford were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Steward and Sonsy.

Mr. and Mrs. Biff Rehm of Uvalde spent Wednesday and Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Buttry and other relatives. They were accompanied by Mrs. J. E. Porter of Utopia and Mrs. Howard Rehm, who visited in the Johnny Steward home.

Mr. and Mrs. Denver Ellis and Mrs. Bolt of Junction visited Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Steward.

The Quilting Club met at the Community Center last Thursday with 18 members present. They quilted one for Mrs. Bill Steward because she has been a faithful member. She extends her thanks.

Bee McMillan came home Tuesday, after being a patient in McCloskey Hospital at Temple. Sunday guests in the McMillan home were Mr. and Mrs. C. W. McMillan and Mrs. Florene Spiegel of Brady; Mrs. Elton Halmon, Jerry Carl and Lana of San Angelo.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Snodgrass of Killeen, Mr. and Mrs. Hyatt Moore were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Rosa Belle Heilman, Mrs. Moore and Mrs. Heilman visited with Mrs. Lizzie Fowler in Coleman in the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Moore of Coleman visited Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Hyatt Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Hambricht and Kathy of Coleman and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Bray and girls of Waldrip spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bryan.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cooper, La Quinn and Louise Cooper spent the weekend at Hearst with Mr. and Mrs. Marion Aldridge and Gary.

Larry Avants spent Sunday with Joad Wise. Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Tisdale of Brady were also Sunday guests of the Wise home. Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Wise were Monday evening guests.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hunter and Don spent the weekend in Austin with Mr. and Mrs. Tony Glass and family.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Hodges and James visited in Brownwood Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Hodges and Richard. Walter Hodges of Odessa was also a guest.

Mr. and Mrs. Sleepy Garner and children of Odessa visited Mrs. A. L. Crutcher and Ludy Jane Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Morris and boys of Whon were Sunday afternoon guests.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. King were in Brownwood Sunday after-

Income TAX FAX

Questions and Answers About Your Individual Income Tax Report for 1950, as Presented By The Texas Press Association.

Uncle Sam receives more than 60,000,000 income tax returns each year. That amounts to several trainloads of paper. Each report has to be checked for errors.

Most common mistakes made on last year's returns were in arithmetic... in adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing. So, double-check your report for accuracy.

Send a separate check with each tax return. If Forms 1040 and 1040-ES are filed or mailed together, forward a separate check for each and fasten the check securely to the face of each return.

See that all checks are signed and payee is Internal Revenue Service.

In submitting separate returns for husband and wife, do not staple together, just attach by clip.

Attach all schedules or "ex-

hibits" inside the return. Only Form W-2 and check should be attached to the face of the return. Do not place remittance under the return.

Your name and home address must be complete. Space is provided on the income tax return for the Social Security Number of each spouse. This should not be overlooked.

If the taxpayer or wife was 65 years or over at the end of the taxable year, make certain the blocks provided therefor on line 1, page 1, are checked.

The names of children entered on line 2 should equal the number entered on the right hand margin of line 2.

The number of exemptions claimed on line 3, page 1, should agree with the number of individuals listed on Schedule 1, page 2.

If you are claiming "Head of

About Your HEALTH

A weekly public service feature from HENRY A. HOLLE, M. D., Commissioner of Health



Rabies is serious business, but there is a lighter side. Early this month for instance, the laboratory technician whose duty it is to prepare the brain tissue for microscopic scrutiny on suspect rabies cases was enjoying a game of dominoes during the noon hour.

He was interrupted and informed that there was a "head" outside, but desiring to finish the hand he said he'd be out in a second. He would have forgotten the game had he known what kind of head.

Because two ladies were waiting with a real genuine African lion's head. It seems that the lion had been raised from a cub, but lately turned on its master and had to be destroyed. There was little chance of

rabies, but it pays to be sure about any suspect case. So the head was sent to Austin for examination. It was negative.

Lab technicians have examined fox heads, skunk heads, cat heads, thousands of dog heads and even a nutria head a short while ago. Among the strangest was a deer head. It proved to be negative, but the man who brought it in insisted the horns be cut off. The technician was convinced the hunter just wanted a cheap way to get those horns.

Winter and early spring see a slight rise in the number of positive findings of rabies in State Health Department laboratories. More effort is needed to inform and educate the public about the dangers of rabies and the means of controlling outbreaks.

Last year there were 491 cases of rabies plus 163 reported clinical cases in animals. In the past two years vaccine for 3,600 cases of human exposure to rabies was distributed by the State Health Department.

In 1955 a state law made it possible for county commissioner's courts to enact legislation for control measures during a rabies emergency. These measures can be carried from year to year as a sustained program to keep rabies at the lowest possible level.

Well-trained personnel from the Texas State Department of Health are available to counties and other local health jurisdictions to help launch their own rabies control programs.

The rabies battle is a year round fight. A let-up in any particular season may mean an outbreak later on. Everyone should have his dogs and cats vaccinated, especially if they are often on the loose.

Rabies control is a necessary and interesting program even if you get a lion's head in every day. (A weekly feature from the Public Health Education Division, Texas State Department of Health.)

noon to visit Mrs. A. F. Rothermel.

A. L. King was on the grand jury Monday in Coleman and Mrs. King visited with Mrs. C. A. Crump and Miss Sammie Stewardson.

Mrs. Gussie Wise, Mrs. Mae Hagler and Mrs. Ray Caldwell were Friday evening guests of Mrs. J. W. Box.

Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Box of San Angelo took Mrs. J. W. Box to Fort Worth Sunday to visit with Mr. and Mrs. Miller Box and receive medical care. Her companion, Mrs. Lorene Faught, will visit relatives in Fort Smith, Ark.

Mrs. Elton Halmon and Jerry Carl of San Angelo spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Carl Buttry. Lana Kay accompanied her mother home after visiting about 10 days with her grandparents. Mrs. Florene Spiegel of Brady was also Sunday guest in the Buttry home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hunter were in Goldthwaite Wednesday to attend funeral services for Mrs. Hunter's aunt, Mrs. J. W. McCulley.

Mrs. Fanny Pike of Buffalo, Mr. and Mrs. Denver Ellis and Mrs. Bolt of Junction visited Saturday with Mrs. J. W. Wise.



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Household" status or if you are a surviving widow or widower who qualifies for special tax computation, make certain the block provided therefor is checked on page 1.

Attach all forms W-2 to the face of the return. If it is absolutely certain you cannot obtain form W-2 please obtain full explanation. In such instances, if the withholdings are out of proportion to the wages, the processing of the return will be delayed.

If any portion of wages is excludable on line 6, page 1, as received under a wage continuation plan for sickness or injury, attach statement showing computation and give full particulars. Better still attach form 2440.

The entry on line 17-B should be limited to payments on 1950 Declaration of Estimated Tax. Inclusion of other amounts will cause delay in processing the return. Show District Director's Office where payments were made.

If deductions are itemized, use the space provided therefor on page 2 of the return. If at all possible, if your schedules are used, follow the pattern and order sequence on page 2 of the return. The line "total deductions" should be filled in with the total dollar amount of the deductions.

NIWOT NEWS

BY THE NIWOT KIDS

Those visiting the John Haynes home the past week were: Mr. and Mrs. Earl Ellis, Mr. and Mrs. G. K. Stearns, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Evans, Linda and Dana, Mr. and Mrs. Mike McCarty and children of Archer City, and Mrs. Fred Haynes, Debbie and Freddie.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bengel of Odessa spent Thursday night with Mr. and Mrs. Alton Bengel.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Perry visited Mr. and Mrs. John Perry and Robert Sunday afternoon.

Rev. and Mrs. Tickner were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Ellis Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Baugh and girls went to Paint Rock last Sunday to see the painted rocks.

Mr. and Mrs. John Haynes visited Sunday afternoon in Brooksmith with Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Mathews and Granny Haynes.

Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Baugh and girls visited Sunday afternoon in Bangs with Mrs. Mae Flores.

Mrs. John Perry and Dixie Deal drove to Austin Friday afternoon to bring Robert Perry and Pat Bryan home for a few days.

Mr. Harden Phillips visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Baugh Sunday.

Robert Perry and Mrs. John Perry visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Perry Saturday afternoon.

ROCKWOOD WSCS HOLDS MISSION STUDY

The Woman's Society of Christian Service met at the Rockwood Methodist Church Monday afternoon for the first session of Middle East Pilgrimage. Mrs. John Hunter directed the study of the first two chapters. Mrs. M. A. Richardson brought the devotional and the Rev. J. W. Tickner gave the prayer.

Present were the Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Tickner, Mrs. M. A. Richardson, Mrs. J. C. Ferguson, Mrs. John Hunter, Mrs. Aubrey McSwane, Mrs. J. T. Avants and Mrs. Tom Bryan.

President Tyler saw himself burning in effigy before the White House.

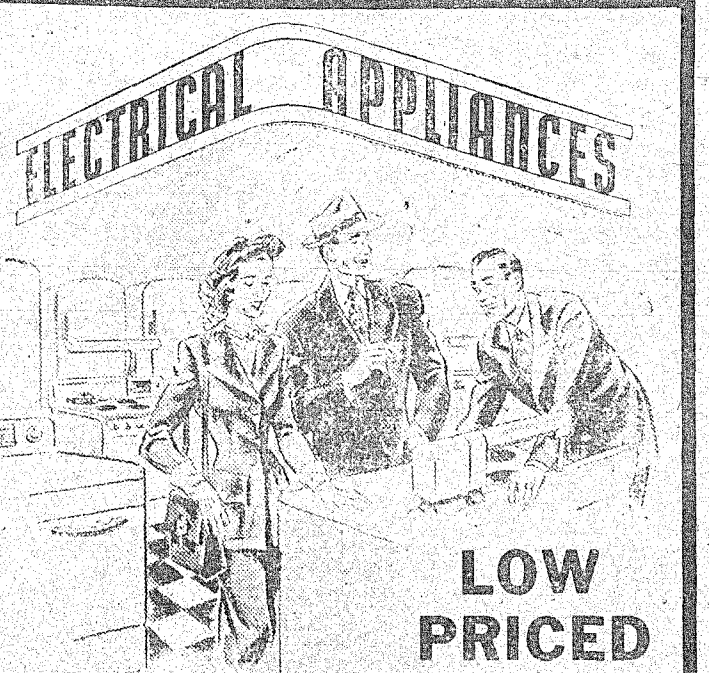


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1959 License Plates Go On Sale Monday

Austin - New license plates for 1959 will go on sale in all county courts on February 2, State Highway Engineer D. C. Greer announced today. The plates will be the reverse of 1958's, and will have black letters and numerals on a white background.

Greer stated that four and one-half million motor vehicle registrations were bought by Texans in 1958. "Don't be at the end of that long line. Get your vehicle registered early," Greer urged. The registration deadline is April 1, but we hope car and truck owners will put on the new plates as soon as possible.

Greer stressed the importance of registering all automobiles and trucks in the home county of the vehicle owner.

"Take your certificate of title and your last year's registration receipt to the tax collector in your home county. Penalty for improper registration of a vehicle can be as much as \$200. Don't risk an illegal registration. Remember, too, that a portion of all registration fees stays in your home county to benefit your local community."

President Buchanan differed from all other chief executives who occupied the White House, in that he was a bachelor.

Adding machine paper at the Santa Anna News office.

County Exhibitors At Fort Worth Stock Show

Coleman County will have five exhibitors entered in the Junior Steer Show at the 1959 Southwestern Exposition and Fair Stock Show in Fort Worth, Jan. 30 through Feb. 8.

Their entries will be among 245 animals competing for premiums totaling \$4,731 in the junior steer department, \$1,000 more than was offered in the same show last year. Cash awards of about \$195,000 will be offered in the other livestock rodeo and horse show events at the show.

Coleman County exhibitors are Henry Dodson, Becky and Joe Pat Hemphill, Jack B. Horn, and Charles R. Taylor at Coleman.

A special feature of the 1959 Fort Worth show will be the appearance of movie and television star Dale Robertson in all 20 rodeo performances. Star of the TV-Western series, "Tales of Wells Fargo", Robertson recently was labeled "TV's 'rodeo cowboy'" by Life Magazine because of his ranch background and his interest in training and racing Quarter horses.

The young actor is a native of Oklahoma and raises horses on a ranch he owns in the Sooner State. One of his prize Quarter horses has been entered in the horse show at the Southwestern.

An accomplishment of Robertson was featured on the Peacock Show several months ago. In the rodeo performance, he will present a musical act especially created for the Fort Worth show.

The rodeo offers about \$65,000 in prizes and is the nation's second highest paying rodeo, topped only by the annual Madison Square Garden show. The Fort Worth exposition is the oldest major livestock show in the nation.

Saturday Is Deadline For Reporting 1958 Cash Wages Paid

January 31, 1959, is the deadline for reporting the cash wages paid in 1958 to farm employees. A. E. Fogle, Administrative Officer, Internal Revenue Service, Abilene stated today.

Farm operators or farm owners who have paid as much as \$150 in cash wages to any farm worker in their employ during 1958 must file an employers tax and information return for such farm employees. They must also report each farm employee who worked for them on 20 or more days during 1958 regardless of the amount of those wages if they were figured on a time basis rather than a piece rate basis.

For 1958, the social security tax rate is 4.2% each for employer and employee. This tax applies to cash wages paid to a farm worker up to a total of \$4200 in the year. The tax amount must be entered on Form 943 (Employer's Annual Tax Return For Agricultural Employees) together with the total amount of cash wages paid to the farm worker. It is required that the farm employer do this and file the return with the District Director of Internal Revenue at the end of the month the due date is given above. For 1959, the social security tax rate will be 4.2% for each employer and employee. For 1959 and years thereafter this tax will apply to cash wages paid to a farm worker up to a total of \$4800 in the year.

Fogle points out that when a farm employee meets the 20-day a year test the farm employer should count only days for which the employee works for cash wages figured on a time basis. However, if the worker meets this test, the farm employer must pay social security taxes on all cash wages paid the employee during the year (whether on a time, piecework, or other basis).

Farm employees include household workers if they are employed on a farm operated for profit.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Kile week at market in Dallas last week, then went to Shreveport, La., to get their daughter, Mrs. J. R. Armstrong and daughter, Holly, who will visit with them for a few days.

Jess Lowry went to Veterans Hospital in Temple Monday, where he will undergo medical treatments.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Bartlett and Frances visited last week in Richland Springs with Mr. Bartlett's mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey R. Robbins and family have moved here from Brownwood. They are living in the former Clyde Haynes residence on South 1st Street. He has employment at the file plant.

The oldest state capitol in the United States is Santa Fe, New Mexico, founded by the Spanish in 1609.

'59 March of Dimes To Hit Birth Defects



A BIRTH DEFECT of the spinal cord has left Alvin Pacheco, 7, of San Francisco, paralyzed below the waist. Aided by physical therapist Barbara Beika at Stanford Convalescent Home, Palo Alto, Calif., Alvin is slowly learning to walk. Birth defects, polio and arthritis are three faces of crippling dependent on the 1959 March of Dimes for help.

Children with birth defects, rated by physicians the childhood health problem most needful of attention in America today, will benefit from the 1959 March of Dimes conducted this January by the National Foundation.

The theme for the expanded March of Dimes is "Toward Greater Victories." Now that the Salk vaccine has given the key to victory over polio, the National Foundation is ready to move on to other pressing problems.

The specific initial goals of the National Foundation are polio, virus diseases, arthritis, birth defects and disorders of the central nervous system.

Birth defects cause the death of 34,000 U.S. infants a year.

This is one-fourth of all infants who are stillborn or die within the first month of life. A total of 250,000 U.S. infants are born annually with one or more significant birth defects. Half of them will grow up afflicted with serious illness, crippling or chronic disease.

Patient aid for children through 18 suffering from birth defects involving the central nervous system soon will be offered by the National Foundation. Included are spina bifida (faulty structure of the spine); encephalocele (open skull); and hydrocephalus (excess fluid in the brain cavities).

This age group is the most hopeful with which to work, with the possibility of bringing many to maturity able to live normal and productive lives.

These defects are caused before birth, not during the act of birth. Known causes are injuries to the germ cells and factors which act on the child as it develops within the mother, or both.

The importance of birth defects as a cause of death and crippling is increasing. In 1939, a total of 12,413 infants died of this cause, but by 1953 the number rose to 20,012. Furthermore, the number of persons surviving crippling birth defects gains with improvement of surgical and medical techniques.

National Foundation researchers will study the causes of all of the more than 600 kinds of birth defects. They will seek methods of prevention as well as improved techniques for diagnosis and treatment. The earlier birth defects are detected, the better they respond to medical care or surgery.

Several students are preparing solos to enter the Interscholastic League Solos and Ensemble competition, to be held in Abilene April 4th. They are Fete Simmons, cornet solo; Jane Home, baritone solo; Donnie Nell, cornet solo; Ruth Walker, piano and clarinet solo; Juanel Merce, cornet solo; Glen Gilbreath, trombone solo; Carolyn Carpenter, flute solo; Christene Carpenter, alto sax solo; Sandra Fowler, clarinet solo; and a clarinet trio will feature Mary Rehm, Dixie Baugh and Sandra Fowler.

This group has just recently begun work on their solos. They usually meet Thursday afternoon after school. At the contest, they must perform before a judge and be able to play the music from memory. Accompanists thus far are Arlene Welch and Carol Sue Campbell.

New members in the band this semester are: Arlene Welch, Stephen Hogue, Karen Jones, Sheila Joffcoat and Ann Stewardson.

The Band's Candy Sale should begin next week, if the candy arrives as scheduled. Citizens who would like to place an order should contact their favorite band member, since they will be competing for prizes.

If anyone has not received the magazines they purchased during the recent magazine sale, you are asked to contact Mr. Mallow, band director. He will check into it and see what the trouble is.

Pros And Cons Of Driver Education In Our Schools

By J. O. Musiek General Manager Texas Safety Association

Is a Driver Education course, in today's public school curriculum, a frill, or is it legitimate? This question is frequently asked of educators, legislators, law officers, safety professionals and of anyone else who may have a sound reason for his answers.

From at least two responsible quarters, Adlai E. Stevenson and Dr. Milton Eisenhower, opinions have been voiced against DE courses in public schools.

Dr. Eisenhower lumped driver education in with the so-called frill courses.

Tax Assessor Gives Instructions On Registration

John Skelton, County Tax Assessor-Collector, announces the 1959 vehicle license plates will go on sale in Coleman County Monday, February 2nd. The plates will be sold in his office in Coleman and in Santa Anna by the Santa Anna Insurance Agency office.

Skelton said the State Highway Department has issued all tax collectors instructions concerning registration for the year 1959, and they are expected to be carried out. Of primary importance to owners of vehicles this year will be the necessity to have a Certificate of Title to each vehicle registered. The title number must be on all registration receipts.

Skelton advises everyone to look up their certificates of title now. If yours has been misplaced or lost, he advises you to visit his office as soon as possible and make application for a new one. Usually, it takes about ten days to two weeks to get a replacement, and this year you will not be able to buy your license plates until you can produce your Certificate of Title.

The State Highway Department advises that at times some collectors seem to think the above law causes too much inconvenience and are inclined to re-register a vehicle from the previous year's license receipt. Some of the things that could happen when this takes place are: an owner could register a vehicle he has already sold and attach the plates to his new vehicle; a new owner could register a vehicle in the previous owner's name, thus making the registered owner liable under the law; or the owner's application for title may have been rejected and no effort made to correct the transaction.

Skelton said this year that anyone who registers a vehicle will be required to present the Certificate of Title and the 1958 registration receipt before 1959 license plates will be sold. All sub-stations as well as his office in Coleman will conform with this order.

Mr. Stevenson would leave the responsibility of driver education in the hands of parents — or chance.

Frankly, one can't very well quarrel with either of these distinguished gentlemen's arguments since they are, after all, only opinions.

At the other end of this traffic problem seesaw are persons who are equally opinionated in their views on driver education.

One such person is President Eisenhower, whose own 7-point Highway Safety Action program, calls for complete driver education courses for high school students.

In Texas, state support for DE courses in public schools is being sought by the leaders of the Texas Education Agency, Congress of Parents and Teachers Association, Texas Department of Public Safety, Texas Police Association, National Safety Council, Texas Safety Association and numerous other civic educational groups.

The Antis argue that DE courses only clutter a curriculum in which more emphasis is needed on science and other academic teachings.

To which the Pros ask: What good will it do to provide only scientific and academic courses if, in the face of today's increasing traffic problem, our youths make short use of their lives because of killing themselves in motorcars?

Frill-claimers point out that the expense involved in DE courses for state supported schools is too great — even at the estimated costs of \$35 to \$40 per pupil.

DE supporters answer that the costs are too great without the courses (the Texas Safety Association places Lone Star traffic accidents costs at near \$275-million for 1958.)

"What's wrong with Stevenson's viewpoint?" asks some critics. "Why can't I teach my own children to drive?"

"That is how we got on to the horns of this traffic dilemma in the first place," is the answer.

"The vast majority of parents aren't qualified to teach youngsters how to drive."

So it goes. What is the answer? Or answers?

It is doubtful if anyone group knows, but this much we can see: the annual traffic toll in Texas (which 2500 or more) and throughout the nation (near 40,000) is far too great in costs and human suffering.

What's more, population increases and upward trends in car buying indicates our traffic problem will become more acute before they improve.

Too, we know that the largest percentage of traffic accidents occur in the 20-24 age group. Thus, indicating that our young people are learning to drive more by accident than by parental instructions.

Warren G. Harding is the only President of the United States. The propelling principle of the caterpillar farm tractor was invented about 1909 by Benjamin Holt of Stockton, California.

Virginia was first settled by Englishmen under the leadership of John Smith.



SOME FACTS ABOUT DOG FEEDING

There is one dog for every seven people in the United States, and because the companionship of men and dogs is one of the oldest and respected of human traditions, our dog population is steadily increasing.

Because of the concern of people for the care and well-being of their dogs, increasing consideration is being given to the problems of dog feeding and nutrition.

The majority of dogs today are primarily maintained by commercial dog feeds, and manufacturers of dog feeds try to incorporate an excess of all essential nutrients needed by a dog. Man has a simple means of detecting the adequacy of such a diet by the outward health of his dog, but he would perhaps do well to know more of the actual facts concerned with dog feeding.

There are several basic factors which should be of primary concern to the nutritional well-being of the dog. In puppies, the most important such factor is nutritional deficiency caused by intestinal parasites such as round worms or ascarids which may appear when the puppies are two to three weeks old. Preventive treatment is often given puppies at this time, and attempts at worm elimination are being made through drugs introduced into the diet of the lactating bitch.

Another sign for need of dietary adjustment in dogs is diarrhea, which may be brought about by any of several causes. In puppies, overeating may bring about diarrhea, just as too much milk in the diet may cause it. In the former case, re-

stricted feeding three or four times daily will usually eliminate diarrhea.

The usual and most reliable guard against diarrhea and constipation in dogs is self-contained in the best commercial dog feeds. This is tomato pumace, the dried residue that remains after squeezing the juice from tomatoes. This product has the power of regulating dogs so that they suffer from neither constipation nor diarrhea, although no one knows precisely the ingredient responsible for this beneficial action.

Among other important elements in the dog's diet are:

Bone meal. The ability of the dog to use the proteins of bones has been long known. The protein of raw bones is much better utilized than that of dried or heated bones, so most any dog diet might well be supplemented with occasional bones.

Fats. The dog utilizes more than ninety percent of the fats such as tallow. In using fat in the dry feeds given dogs, manufacturers are very conservative and seldom bring the fat level above ten percent. This seems very because the table scraps given many dogs in homes are usually rich in fat. If no such table fats are provided, supplemental provisions of lard (not shortening or margarine) can be well utilized.

Although there is still much to be determined on the nutritional requirements of the canine, it is generally true that commercially-prepared diets for dogs are in better balance than most diets enjoyed by man, probably because man does want to enjoy his diet just as much as he wants his dog to be healthy.

GO TO CHURCH SUNDAY.

Chat & Stitch Club Has Busy Month

Members of the Chat & Stitch Club met January 9 at the home of Mrs. E. E. Geer in Brownwood, for a business meeting.

New officers elected were: Mrs. L. O. Garrett, president; Mrs. Dale Smith, vice president; Mrs. Chas. Moseley, secretary and treasurer; Mrs. Edgar Shelton, club reporter. The club voted to continue contributions to the Cemetery Association, Polio Fund and the Cancer Fund.

After the hostess served coffee and a salad plate, the following members were invited to serve themselves from an attractively laid table of candy, cakes and cookies: Mrs. Garrett, Mrs. Moseley, Mrs. Pierre Rowe, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Arthur Casey, Mrs. Jeff Horner, and Mrs. Shelton.

The club members met again January 13 at the Shields Community Room, with Mrs. Shelton as hostess, to make aluminum plaques. One visitor, Mrs. George Cobb, was present for the meeting.

Many beautiful plaques were made.

Meeting again on January 23 with Mrs. Jess Howard, the members enjoyed a social hour while visiting and doing handwork.

The hostess served coffee, ap-

ple pie, sandwiches and homemade candy to the following members: Mrs. Louis Zachary, Mrs. Chas. Moseley, Mrs. Arthur Casey, Mrs. Ted McCaughan, Mrs. Ethel Bobo, Mrs. L. O. Garrett, Mrs. Dale Smith, Mrs. Jeff Horner and Mrs. E. E. Geer.

Y. W. A. Has Regular Meeting

The Y. W. A. of the First Baptist Church met Wednesday afternoon, after school at the church. Edna Lewis, President, presided during the business meeting. Mrs. James Mallow reported we had received \$21 for the Lottie Moon Christmas offering. The goal was \$25.

Reta Ing gave a report on the Funspiration, held Friday, Jan. 16. She said everyone enjoyed hearing Johnny Milnor of Howard Payne play the guitar and sing for them. Refreshments of sandwiches, cookies, punch, and hot cocoa were served to the 44 high school students present. The next Funspiration will be held February 6, after the local basketball game. This report concluded the business meeting.

Ruth Radle presented the program, entitled, "We Give Three But Thing Own". Parts of the stewardship program were given by Linda Owen, Lula Hawkins, Clois Cullins and Reta Ing. Mrs. Mallow closed the program with a prayer.

Present for the regular meeting were: Edna Lewis, Linda Owen, Ruth Radle, Clois Cullins, Lula Hawkins, Sonja Dunn, Reta Ing and Mrs. Mallow. —Reporter

Mrs. O. L. Oakes Installed As Noble Grand At B'Wood

Mrs. O. L. Oakes, the former Lucille Lancaster, was installed as Noble Grand of the Brownwood Rebekah Lodge No. 152, Saturday night, Jan. 17, at 7:30 p. m. in the Odd Fellow Hall. The officers for the ensuing year include: Mmes. Oakes, Sylvia Priddy, Bessie Newsom, Mattie Pruitt, May Gilbert, Ethel DeHay, Betty Jean Klink, Nora Medley, Mary Johnson, Ila Newman, Jessie Gilmer, Edith Burroughs, Florence, Scharenbeck, Mittie Senn, Ruby Jenkins, Lorraine Ross, Belle Graham, Mallo Cook, Julia Hearn, Lena Belle Fortner, Frances Foster, and Maude Spain.

Mrs. William Hooper was the installing officer and Mrs. Amanda Hinkle was the installing Marshal.

Mrs. Julia Hearn, outgoing Noble Grand, was escorted to the Noble Grand's chair and was presented a gift of appreciation by Mrs. Oakes.

Several out of town guests were introduced and welcomed, among which were Mr. and Mrs. Lige Lancaster, of Trichham, parents of Mrs. Oakes.

Mr. O. L. Oakes, outgoing Noble Grand of the Odd Fellow Lodge was given special recognition.

Refreshments of snow white cake squares, coffee and hot chocolate were served to 125 attending. Mrs. Mary Cocker was chairman of the refreshment committee and was assisted by Mmes. Estelle Orr, Florence Richey and Beulah El-

Dr. J. Q. Barnes, Jacqueline Houston Marry Saturday

The marriage of Mrs. Jacqueline Magnon Houston and Dr. James Quincy Barnes was solemnized Saturday, January 24, in the chapel of the Trinity Baptist Church in San Antonio. The pastor, Dr. William S. McBirnie, read the marriage vows. Mrs. Mervin Finesilver, soloist, sang "Because" and "The Lord's Prayer", accompanied by the organ by Mrs. McBirnie.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Maria R. Magnon and the late Antonio Magnon. Dr. Barnes is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Ford Barnes of Santa Anna.

Mrs. Terry B. Sanders, sister of the bridegroom from Washington, D. C., served as matron of honor. The other attendant was Mrs. Joseph Pemoulie, sister of the bride from Matamoros, Mexico. Merilu Selene Houston was the flower girl.

The bridegroom's brother, William Ford Barnes Jr., of Weslaco, served as best man. Ushers were: Dr. O. M. Reed, Dr. James E. Bourle, Dr. Terry Downs, Dr. Bernard Magnon, Dr. Eugene Hicky was a groomsman.

The bride entered with her brother-in-law, Joseph Pemoulie. She wore a pale pink organza gown, designed with a pink satin cummerbund, a high neckline, with a scalloped collar and boufant sleeves. The bottom of the full skirt was finished with a deep border of French embroidery. She carried a white Bible with a white orchid and sweetheart roses. A pink pearl crown held her shoulder length pink illusion veil.

A reception was held in the pink banquet room in the Educational Building of the church. In the receiving line were: Mrs. Magnon, Mr. Pemoulie, Mr. and Mrs. W. Ford Barnes, Mr. and Mrs. James Q. Barnes, Mrs. Terry Sanders, Mrs. Pemoulie, Dr. Eugene Hicky and Mrs. W. F. Barnes Jr.

The dining table, laid in lace, was centered with pink carnations, roses and gladiolas in a silver centerpiece. The tiered cake was decorated with pink rosebuds and pink moiré frills. At the punch bowl was Mrs. Edd Ray and cake was served by Grace O'Connor. Assisting in the dining room were Mmes. Eugene Hicky, Elbert DeCoursey, William H. Simpson, David Edens and Robert Wideman. Others in the houseparty were: Mmes. Thomas Sandoval, W. S. McBirnie, Preston Dial, N. H. White, Benton Walden, Hazel Sichi, R. V. Embleton and Grace O'Connor, W. F. Barnes, Jr., Terry Downs, R. L. Perkins, Frank Young, James Garza, Ruth Jean Simpson, Mimi Middleton and Daisy Gonzales.

Following a wedding trip to Mexico City and Acapulco, Dr. and Mrs. Barnes will reside at 219 Chesswood, in the Sunset Hills addition to San Antonio. The rehearsal dinner was given Friday evening at the Hilton Hotel.

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Mrs. Hays Reviews Book For Joint Circle Meeting

Tuesday evening, January 27 at 7:00 p. m., the W. S. C. S. and the Nitia Daniell Circle of the First Methodist Church met in the parlor of the church for their third session in a joint study of "Concerns of a Continent".

Mrs. Kenneth Bowker, teacher, called the meeting to order by asking the group to sing "In Christ There is no East nor West". Mrs. Willard Cheaney led the group in their opening prayer. The scripture reading by Miss Bettie Blue was taken from John 17.

Mrs. Avis Hays gave a review of the book, "God in the Garden", by Curtis Mitchell. The review was most interesting.

Mrs. Dorothy Watson discussed "The Challenge of Home Missions". A unique worship center portrayed a small church with Eskimos, Negroes, Mexicans, Canadians, Hawaiians, Puerto Ricans, and Americans all walking toward it, with Christ standing above all. The worship center was made by Miss Pauline Eubank.

An honorary membership was presented to Barbara Anna Cheaney, granddaughter of Mrs. Willard Cheaney. After the business meeting, Mrs. Lillian Herndon dismissed the group.

Others enjoying the meeting were: Mrs. Mildred Galloway, Mrs. Dan Blake, Mrs. Wilma Welch, Mrs. Arch Hull, Mrs. Doris Griffin, Mrs. Frances Elliott, Mrs. Tom Mills, Mrs. May Allen Blue, Miss Elsie Lee Harper, Mrs. Ora Hunter, Mrs. Anna Bell Hays, Mrs. Bernice Mulroy, Mrs. Thelma Price, Mrs. Alice Horne, Mrs. Martha Bell Thompson and Mrs. L. D. Ladd.

Intimate friends of President Theodore Roosevelt were popularly known as the Tennis Cabinet.

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Q. I understand that the social security tax rate was increased by the 1958 changes in the Social Security Act, which will increase business rates.

A. The increase in the social security tax rate is effective January 1, 1959, and will be paid on wages paid in 1959 and on 1959 self-employment earnings.

Q. Must I pay social security tax on my maid who worked in October, November, and December, 1958, and earned \$500 a week for a total of \$1500 during this period?

A. Yes. The law requires that any employer of household workers report and pay social security taxes on each person who is paid cash wages of \$50.00 or more in any calendar quarter.

Q. How much social security tax must I pay as an employer and how much does my employee pay?

A. For wages paid in 1958 the employer withholds 2 1/4% of total wages from the household worker's pay and the employer adds an additional 2 1/4% for a total tax of 4 1/2%. For the first quarter of 1959 and all quarters in 1959 thereafter the employer will pay 2 1/2% and the employee 2 1/2%. The employer is responsible for reporting and paying this tax.

Q. Where and how often are these tax reports made?

A. All reports of social security taxes should be filed with the District Director of Internal Revenue in the state where you live. These reports are made quarterly and are due not later than one month after the end of each calendar quarter. For example, the tax return for October, November and December 1958 quarter, is due not later than January 31, 1959.

Russia and Japan held a peace parley at Portsmouth, N. H., in 1905.

James Monroe's home was known as Ashlawn.

Local Exhibitors Listed For San Antonio Show

Youthful exhibitors from this area at the San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo Feb. 13-22 at Joe Freeman Coliseum, include Santa Anna FFA Members Eddie Hartman, J. C. Ebbel, Jimmy Blanton, Milford Blanton, Collins Steward, Stanley Hartman, Jimmy Neil, Stanley Anderson, Dayton Jackson, Kenneth Harris, and Arthur Windham.

The group will show 22 Fat Lambs and 2 Steers, according to A. D. Forster, National Agriculture Director.

They entered 10 young pony and 3000 head of livestock and horses which will be on display 13-22. Shows, including high school and college students, are offered, according to president E. W. Eckert, who presided at the annual meeting of the Santa Anna FFA Chapter at the "Ranch Youth Day" with 8 and 25,000 rural youngsters expected to attend it on Saturday.

The 10th annual San Antonio Stock Show will feature top performances of the World Championship Rodeo, starting Feb. 13, Robertson, the man from Fargo.

Also at the Stock Show and Rodeo are a multitude of excellent exhibits, including the \$1 million Farm-Ranch Machinery Show, International Wool and Mohair Show, Ready-to-Go Junior Poultry Show, Animal Forces Display, Quarter Horse and Appaloosa Horse Show, and

Bill Hanes Carnival. Tickets for the rodeo, which include front gate admission, are priced at \$3.00 for box seats and \$2.00 and \$1.50 for balcony. For tickets, write to Harold Freeman, Ticket Chairman, 1015 Transit Tower, San Antonio 5, Texas.

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State Capitol NEWS

Austin — Texas lawmakers face the old "chicken or egg" problem as they move into the session's main issue — money.

Is it best to decide first how much the state must spend to keep its various programs going and then scrape up tax money to cover them? Or should the tax take be set first and then the pie sliced up accordingly? Thus far, both problems are being juggled at the same time. Already the mathematical acrobatics are spreading jitters among spectators — both appropriation seekers and tax workers.

GOVERNOR'S PRESCRIPTION — Gov. Price Daniel is prescribing a two-pronged, \$210,000,000 plan to cure state fiscal ailments.

First prong is to raise \$65,000,000 to pay off the debt expected in the general revenue fund by the end of this fiscal year. Second prong is to raise \$72,800,000 a year (\$145,600,000 for the next biennium) to cover spending from the general revenue fund.

Sources for this money would include: (1) a natural gas severance tax, (2) an increase in levies on motor vehicle, sales, tobacco and corporation franchises and (3) unclaimed bank deposits, insurance policies and property, which the state would take over.

Governor Daniel increased his previously recommended budget by nearly \$20,000,000 to include appropriations for retiring state bonds, providing medical care for people on welfare rolls, a

driver education program and advertising for tourists and industry.

Total two-year spending from general revenue would be \$330,000,000.

SMALLER PIE — Compared to the governor's proposal, the Legislative Budget Board's recommendation for general revenue fund spending looks most modest — only \$285,000,000.

Though the Board's spending would be nearly \$45,000,000 less than the governor's it would still be some \$4,600,000 higher than the 1958-59 appropriation.

Budget Board suggests slight increases for the judicial system, executive and administrative departments, hospitals and special schools, public schools and highways. Small cuts were recommended for junior colleges and higher education.

Spending from all funds for state government would total \$2,357,347,479.

SEELIGSON PLAN — Rep. Frances S. Seeligson of San Antonio has prepared an extensive plan to overhaul and beef up the state's tax collecting.

Topping the list would be a 1.5 percent sales tax with food, feed and fertilizer exempted. It would bring an estimated \$67,000,000 annually.

Another Seeligson bill would recodify present tax laws. It would do away with some regarded as obsolete (such as on clock peddlers, street cars) and others called inequitable (on chain stores, stock transfers, radio, TV, cosmetics, etc.) Same bill would eliminate certain exemptions and revise other taxes, mostly upward, on motor vehicle, tobacco and liquor sales. Net gain from the revisions would be a \$11,500,000 a year gain in revenue.

Like Daniel, Seeligson recommends that the state take over unclaimed money and property. Seeligson was vice chairman of the State Tax Study Commission that spent the between-sessions months working on tax problems.

FAIR WARNING — Governor Daniel and Lt. Ben Ramsey both declared at their inaugural that they have sympathetic hearts for Texas taxpayers.

Governor Daniel proposed greater efficiency and economy by combining some of the 175 separate agencies and 213 special accounts operated by the state.

Ramsey promised there would be "no stringing up of the unfortunate taxpayer by the heels to shake out enough money to give everyone everything he wants."

Added Ramsey, "I refuse to admit that the success of a legislative session, or an administration, depends solely on the amount of money it can spend."

NO PAY, NO WORK — House and Senate agreed easily on an automatic shut-off of the regular session at 6 p. m. May 12, but

Cleveland News

By MRS. MANLEY E. BLANTON

After the nice weather last week we are having some more winter.

Those having Sunday dinner with Mrs. Jewel Powers were Mr. and Mrs. Elgene Gilliam and sons of Coleman and Mr. and Mrs. Sammie Joe Powers.

Mr. and Mrs. Manley Blanton and Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Switzer all visited Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Clifton. Mr. Clifton was feeling much better.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Cupps, Regina and Mike visited with Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Cupps Saturday night.

Mrs. John Howard went to Lometa Saturday to visit with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Howard.

Visiting Sunday evening with Mr. Lee Phillips were Mr. and Mrs. Leray Huggins and sons of Santa Anna and Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Blanton.

Mrs. Mace Blanton of Santa Anna visited in our home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Covey of Abilene spent Friday night with Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Cupps, Patsy and Billy. They visited Saturday and Sunday in Bangs with Mr. and Mrs. Covey Sr.

Mrs. C. T. Moore spent Sunday evening with Mrs. S. E. Blanton.

Mr. and Mrs. Casey Herring, Pam and Dale went to Abilene Saturday to visit Mr. and Mrs. Ben Herring. The Ben Herring's are staying with Mr. and Mrs. Danny Bryan.

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had more difficulty deciding where to get their salary money.

House members shied from a Senate plan to take from a surplus in the fund to aid the permanently and totally disabled. (Future campaign fodder, for sure, reasoned representatives.)

Instead, they proposed borrowing from the Insurance Department Building fund. Both houses agreed to tap the drivers license fund.

A definite adjournment resolution this early in the session is unpredicted in recent legislative history. So is a session of only 120 days, the period for which legislators can be paid.

Both are regarded as reflecting disgruntlement over the defeat of the legislative pay raise amendment last fall.

Already three new pay raise proposals have been introduced: (1) to pay \$50 a day for 150 days, (2) \$40 a day for 120 days, \$20 a day thereafter and (3) \$4,200 a year.

Present scale is \$25 a day for 120 days only.

FLOOD BEGINS — Dozens of new bills — and old bills dusted off — are flowing into legislative hoppers. Already introduced or ready for introduction are measures that would:

TAX GROSS RECEIPTS of manufacturers and importers of manufactured products, by Rep. Jerry Sadler of Percilla, estimated by author to raise \$400,000,000 a year.

REVISE JUVENILE LAWS to allow prosecution of youths, 16 and over, for felonies, by Reps. Joe Ed Winfree, Houston, and Ben D. Sudderth, Gustine.

GIVE REA COOPS the right for 10 years to build and operate lines in an area annexed by a city, to be sponsored by Rep. Alonzo W. Jamison of Denton.

REQUIRE A TWO-THIRDS vote of both houses to pass a tax measure, a constitutional amendment proposed by Rep. Bill Jones, Dallas.

Is My Baby All Right?

Thousands of Infants Are Born Each Year With Major Defects

(Editor's Note: This is the first of three articles on birth defects, the leading childhood health problem, by Dr. Thomas M. Rivers, medical vice president of the National Foundation, noted pediatrician and dean of American virologists.)

By **THOMAS M. RIVERS, M.D.**
Medical Vice President,
The National Foundation

The first question every woman asks immediately after the birth of a child is: "My baby—is my baby all right?"

In most instances the answer is yes. Then the mother relaxes with a sense of fulfillment and joy.

But sometimes a baby is born with birth defects, known technically in the medical profession as congenital malformations. Then expectancy turns to anxiety and grief—the most heartbreaking grief a woman can know. If the defects are serious, the entire family may face a lifetime of mental, physical and economic strain.

On the positive side there is this to say: Significant birth defects occur in only a relatively small portion of the infants who come into the world every year. Some defects can be repaired by surgery. Others can be so improved by the modern science of rehabilitation that by the time the child reaches maturity he may be capable of leading a normal life and doing useful work. Above all, many in-born defects can be prevented by knowledge and simple precautions.

Beyond this lies ever greater hope for the future. Until recently birth defects have been neglected. But now medical science is tackling this problem that lies so close to the hopes and fears of every prospective parent. An organized, concentrated attack at this stage can bring about vast improvement in the care, rehabilitation and eventual prevention of malformed children.

Hopeful Promise
The news that the National Foundation (originally the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis) has taken up the chal-

lenge of birth defects is a hopeful promise for the future. The National Foundation is the voluntary health organization that educated the American public in the care and prevention of polio. With March of Dimes funds its grantees planned, set up and carried out the prodigious research program that produced the Salk vaccine and a whole series of history-making medical discoveries. It is not unreasonable, therefore, to expect from its sponsored scientists equally important advances concerning the causes and treatment of congenital malformations.

Major Unmet Problem

Birth defects are probably the major unmet childhood medical problem. They are exceeded only by accidents as a cause of crippling and disability in children. They cause the death of 34,000 infants, or one-fourth of all U.S. infants who are stillborn or die annually within the first month of life.

Children born in this country each year with significant birth defects number about a quarter of a million. Approximately half of these are doomed to serious crippling or prolonged disability. Combinations of defects in one child are not unusual.

There are over 600 different kinds of birth defects. Some are minor like poor eyesight, flat feet or color blindness. These present no major hazard to the normal functioning of the child. More serious defects, widely known and recognized, include harelip and cleft palate, clubfoot, missing extremities, congenital cataracts and brain injuries.

Rarer, but just as serious, are spina bifida, a deformity of the spinal vertebrae; encephalocele, a deformity similar to spina bifida except that the skull instead of the spine is open; and hydrocephalus, an accumulation of excess fluids in the cavities of the brain (commonly known as "water on the brain").

Main Categories Listed

Birth defects are grouped in the following main categories:
Malformations of the skeletal structure, with an estimated 112,700 afflicted infants annually surviving the first four weeks of life; disorders of the central nervous system, 32,500 infants annually; skin anomalies, 30,000; congenital heart and vascular disease, 29,000; urogenital malformations, 27,500; eye disorders, 14,100; gastrointestinal malformations, 12,000; other anomalies, 6,700.

But these figures do not tell the whole story. The importance of birth defects as a medical problem is growing. According to the Vital Statistics of the United States, the number of children who died as a result of congenital malformations rose from 12,413 in 1939 to 20,012 in 1953. At the same time, the number of malformed children who survived into adolescence and maturity continues to grow. One reason is that techniques of diagnosis have so improved that some defects not obvious at birth can be found and treated earlier. Another is that modern surgery keeps alive many malformed children who would once have been doomed to early death. Furthermore, deaths from normal child diseases have been radically reduced by antibiotics and other modern medical measures.

A Big Challenge

There is another way in which the problem of birth defects offers a challenge of the first magnitude. This lies in the realm of popular attitudes and public education. Largely as a result of hearsay, folklore and ignorance, many of the congenitally malformed are socially stigmatized. This unjust stigma often attaches itself to the parents as well as to the child.

It is important, too, to correct parental attitudes in relation to defective children. If the sense of stigma were removed, parents would be more willing to take their children to appropriate medical facilities for diagnosis and treatment. As with most health disorders, the earlier a birth defect is detected, the more successfully it may respond to corrective or rehabilitative.

Break-Down Taboo

All this calls for a program of public education not unlike that which broke down popular taboos preliminary to controlling such major health problems as venereal disease, cancer, tuberculosis and polio. Once these attitudes have been modified, we can establish a "climate" of thought favorable to the support and understanding of a concerted advance on the challenge of birth defects.

Besides birth defects, other areas of March of Dimes activity are polio, arthritis and virus diseases.

(In his second article of this series, Dr. Rivers will discuss the causes of birth defects and what can be done about them.)



Dr. Rivers

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Shields News

By Mrs. E. S. Jones

Mr. and Mrs. Booker Watson went to Weslaco Wednesday for a visit of several weeks with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. George Stewardson and Mr. and Mrs. George Wheatley and Danny spent Sunday with Mrs. Wheatley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Riley McFarlin at Baird.

The Quilting Club will meet Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 3, at the Community Center.

Mrs. Allen Jones of Cedar Hill and Mrs. George Kitley of Rising Star visited Monday with Mrs. E. S. Jones.

Mrs. Leon Slusher and son, Stevie, of Odessa, visited from Thursday to Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Stewardson. They were enroute home from Houston after a check-up for the baby. His condition is about the same.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Shelton spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. George Cobb.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith of San Angelo and Miss Jeanne Stewardson visited in Gatesville Sunday with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Scarborough spent Wednesday in Stephenville with Mrs. Ward Evans. Her condition is satisfactory and she was to be dismissed from the hospital on Friday. They also visited with Mrs. S. D. Evans and family.

Brother and Sister Jones were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Price

Sunday Richard Dillingham, teacher in Harlandale School, San Antonio, spent the weekend with home folks.

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